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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PK
SUBJECT: TIKKA KHAN: ARREST BY ANY OTHER NAME...

REF: ISLAMABAD 2842

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL, BHUTTO SUPPORTER AND FORMER
CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF GENERAL (RET) TIKKHA KHAN WAS DETAINED
IN LAHORE ON 20 MARCH AFTER HE SPOKE TO A CROWD WHICH THEN
RIOTED AND BURNED SIX VEHICLES. TIKKAH WAS NOT SENT TO
JAIL, HOWEVER, BUT WAS MERELY PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST
IN MURREE. FOLLOWING A FLURRY OF CONTRADICTIONARY PRESS
REPORTS, IT WAS REPORTED ON 3 APRIL THAT TIKKA IS STILL
BEING DETAINED, BUT THAT HE HAD BEEN MOVED FROM URREE
TO LAHORE'S KOT LAKHPAT JAIL.

2. LOCAL SOURCES INDICATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN MUCH ILL-
FEELING AMONG SOME PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (PPP)
SUPPORTERS OVER THE TREATMENT ACCORDED TIKKA. THERE
HAVE BEEN MANY ARRESTS FOR VIOLATION OF MLR 33-- THE
MARCH BAN ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY NOW EXTENDED INDEFINITELY.
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THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN BROUGHT QUICKLY TO TRIAL BEFORE
MILITARY TRIBUNALS AND SENTENCED TO RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT,
FLOGGING, AND FINES. PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF HIS FORMER
STATUS, TIKKA HAS BEEN TREATED LENIENTLY BY THE MARTIAL
LAW ADMINISTRATION. IN ADDITION, CHIEF MARTIAL LAW
ADMINISTRATOR (CMLA) GEN ZIA HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING THAT
ACCORDING TO ISLAM, ALL MEN ARE EQUAL, AND DESERVE

EQUAL JUSTICE. THE ACTION IN SHIFTING TIKKA FROM A
RELATIVELY COMFORTABLE HOUSE ARREST TO KOT LAKHPAT JAIL
IS PROBABLY INTENDED TO REBUT CRITICISM THAT CMLA
JSA NOT APPLYING THIS PRINCIPLE TO HIS FORMER CHIEF.
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